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<b>COMING UP AT THE CHAMBER</b>			
<b>WED   July 8</b>			
			
<b>A redistricting win for everyone</b>			
On Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of Arizona's use of a citizens redistricting commission to redraw Congressional district			

## Small Business Owners Roundtable

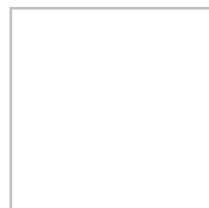
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boundaries in place of the state's Legislature. In 2008, the Chamber was one of four original sponsors of Prop. 11 (Voters FIRST Act) that established redistricting reform in California. The recent Supreme Court decision returns the power of redistricting to not only the citizens of Arizona, but also to citizens in all states. "The Chamber applauds the ruling. The citizens of California were indeed the winners here," said Gary Toeppen, President & CEO. Contact [Samantha Beasley](#), 213.580.7558.

## Chamber applauds vision for upcoming council session



On Wednesday morning, Council President Herb Wesson outlined his vision and priorities for the upcoming city council session. "We are excited that Council President Wesson is making strategic job creation and business retention a focus for the next City Council session. We look forward to working with his office to craft this critical plan," said Ruben Gonzalez, Senior Vice President of Public Policy & Political Affairs. Contact [Ruben Gonzalez](#), 213.580.7568.

## OVERHEARD



"Two reasons we aren't ready for online voting: security and privacy. The internet isn't built that way. There have been efforts, but there are ways to find out what the message was and who the messenger was."

—**Honorable Alex Padilla**, California Secretary of State at **Accenture's** Pancakes & Politics breakfast speaker series



## Chamber participates in business and trade development trip to Ethiopia



The Chamber participated and assisted in the first ever visit of the City of L.A. to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Under the leadership of the Office of International Trade of Mayor Eric Garcetti, the Chamber joined the **Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA)**, the **Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board**, and other business representatives in several meetings with the Ethiopian government, key private sector leaders, the U.S. Ambassador to Ethiopia and other U.S. diplomats. These meetings resulted in acquiring first-hand knowledge of a fast growing economy with substantial international bidding opportunities and culminated in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Chamber and the Addis Ababa Chamber, the largest in Ethiopia. Contact [Carlos Valderrama](#), 213.580.7570.

**Photo L to R:** Carlos Valderrama, Senior Vice

## MEMBER BENEFITS

Adding value to your Chamber membership



## ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF INTEREST

### Managing investments in today's market

On Tuesday, July 21, **Town Hall Los Angeles** will present Howard Marks, Co-Chairman, Oaktree Capital Management. Marks will be offering a "A Mid-Year Outlook on Market Opportunity and Risk." Marks spent four decades on Wall Street, including two as co-founder of Oaktree Capital Management. The event is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m., at the City Club Los Angeles. For more information, contact [Lindsey Horowitz](#) or visit the [reservations](#) page.

### Help celebrate the Salvation Army's birthday by giving back

The **Salvation Army** is celebrating 150 years today, and in honor of its celebration, is asking you to share your birthday with someone less fortunate. By partnering with start-up CommuniGift and with your donation, the Salvation Army is putting smiles on the faces



## MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

### Ethio-LA Chambers Work on Stronger Trade And Investment Ties

*EthioSports.com*

July 2, [Read more](#)

### City Council president says L.A. lacks a strategy for creating jobs

*Los Angeles Times*

July 1, [Read more](#)

### City Council developing plan to spur job creations

*MyNewsLA.com*

July 1, [Read more](#)

### L.A. to loosen minimum wage rules for some nonprofits

*RocketNews.com*

July 1, [Read more](#)

### L.A. Asks Makers to Stand Up and Be Counted

*PublicCEO.com*

July 1, [Read more](#)

### L.A to loosen minimum wage rules for some nonprofits

*Los Angeles Times*

June 30, [Read more](#)

### LA Asks Manufacturers to Stand Up and Be Counted

*CityWatchLA.com*

June 30, [Read more](#)

### Early Childhood Education Partnership Applauds Significant State Budget Gains for California's

President Global Initiatives, L.A. Area Chamber and Elias Geneti, President, Addis Ababa Chamber

### Building virtual walls in a digital world



Congressman Ted Lieu visited Thursday's Innovation & Technology Council meeting to discuss digital privacy, the federal government's efforts to help safeguard and secure cyberspace, and the future of

Silicon Beach. Congressman Lieu noted, "We have an immense amount of talent in Southern California. The tech companies have a need and Southern California has the creative talent to meet that need." Contact [Maribel Flores](#), 213.580.7571.

### Chamber announces forum to address LA area skills gap



On July 17, the Chamber will host the "Closing the Skills Gap: Regional Solutions for a Thriving Economy" forum where the Chamber will present the **JPMorgan Chase** Los Angeles Skills Gap report

findings. This forum will convene regional civic, business, education and workforce development leaders to work together to design effective solutions to address workforce challenges and to meet the skills and competencies needed by L.A.'s key industry sectors. Register [here](#). Contact [Alma Salazar](#), 213.580.7566.



### KNX 1070 honored with three L.A. Press Club awards



KNX 1070 NEWSRADIO won three Southern California Journalism Awards presented for editorial excellence by the Los Angeles Press Club at its 57th Southern California

Journalism Awards dinner held Sunday evening at the **Millennium Biltmore Hotel** in Los Angeles. KNX 1070 is Southern California's only all-news radio station. The **CBS RADIO** station celebrated its 47th anniversary in April. Visit their [website](#).

### Big move leads to a grand opening for a member

of deserving boys and girls near you. Birthday hosts invite their guests to the platform where they are easily able to purchase and ship an item to a deserving child from his/her wishlist.

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## MEMBER OPPORTUNITY



**Children in Joint Statement**

*MoneyShow.com*

June 29, [Read more](#)

**L.A. Study Seeks to Promote Manufacturing Economy**

*CP-DR.com*

June 29, [Read more](#)

**Ethiopia: Chambers of Commerce Sign MOU to Explore Business Opportunities**

*AllAfrica.com*

June 29, [Read more](#)

**Coffee Bean Moves Into Oprah's Digs, Opens 1000th Store**

*LAMag.com*

June 29, [Read more](#)



**Haworth Inc.** moved their Santa Monica showroom to a space in the financial district of downtown L.A. The design, led by Perkins+Will, reflects unique aspects of the

surrounding neighborhood with articulated structures, graffiti graphics and vibrant contrasting colors that characterize the Post Modern palette. Visit their [website](#).

**Port of Los Angeles reels in award**



The American Association of Port Authorities presented the "Award of Distinction" to the **Port of Los Angeles** for their Trade Connect Website. The award was given "in

recognition of outstanding contributions in creative communication resulting in increased awareness of port activity within the maritime industry and the port's local community." Visit their award-winning [website](#).

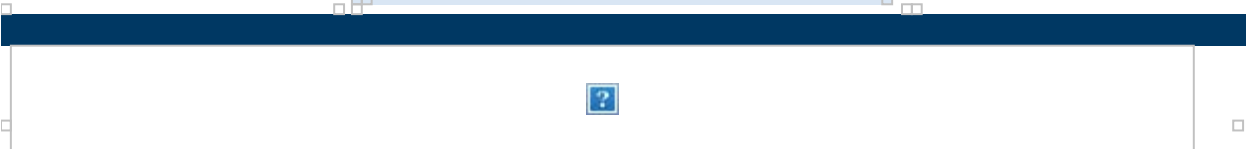
**LACBA installs new president**



The **Los Angeles County Bar Association** (LACBA) installed Paul R. Kiesel as its President before more than 500 state and local officials, judicial officers, and LACBA members and

guests at its Installation and Awards dinner on June 25 at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in downtown L.A. The Honorable Margaret M. Morrow, U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, swore in President Kiesel along with LACBA's incoming officers.

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